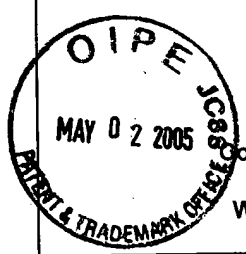


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION  
(RCE)  
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Application Number	10/716,994
Filing Date	November 19, 2003
First Named Inventor	MEARS ET AL.
Group Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	Nguyen, Thinh T.
Attorney Docket Number	62601CON1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Enclosed
    - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. ☐ Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14) when the RCE is filed; Fee calculated as shown below.)
  - a. ☐ Checks in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
  - b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Acct. No. 01-0484.
  - c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).
    - i. ☒ \$385 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

NAME	CHRISTOPHER F. REGAN, Reg. No. 34,906		
SIGNATURE		DATE	May 2, 2005